## SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR WIDELY WITNESSED PROOF OF TIME

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system for authenticating records without reliance upon a trusted third party.

A first server provides a sequential series of certifications associated with discreet, nonoverlapping time Intervals. The server can provide selected information to a second server
which, in turn, incorporates the request and associated information in a cross-certification.
The cross-certification is then provided to more other servers. Accordingly, a "chain-mail"
of certifications among a variety of servers is provided. The system thus provides effective
protection against a breach of security in any one server, resulting in increased reliability in
the authentication of records.

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